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SUBJECT: ECEVIT CALLS FOR "REALISTIC" AMNESTY

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1. PRIMIN-DESIGNATE ECEVIT ON JAN 16 PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS CONCERN IN INFLUENTIAL QUARTERS (READ MILITARY QUARTERS) THAT THE GENERAL AMNESTY, PROMISED BY THE TWO COALITION PARTNERS (THE RPP AND NSP), WOULD BE TOO SWEEPING, AND RELEASE FROM JAIL OR REDUCE THE SENTENCES OF THOSE WHO HAD ENGAGED IN REVOLUTIONARY AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE STATE. IN HIS ADDRESS TO AN RPP MEETING, ECEVIT THEREFORE CALLED FOR ENACTMENT OF A "REALISTIC" AMNESTY BILL.

2. ECEVIT SAID "WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE INFLUENTIAL

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QUARTERS WHICH FEEL DISQUIET, UNJUSTLY IN MY OPINION...

TO REFUSE TO HEED THEIR ANXIETIES WOULD RESULT IN NOTHING BUT INCREASING THEIR CONCERN." A SETBACK TO THE GOVT'S PLANS, HE CONTINUED, COULD OCCUR IF THE GOVT IN AN AMNESTY WENT BEYOND THE ESSENCE OF WHAT IT HAD PLEDGED.

3. TURNING TO SPECIFICS, ECEVIT SUGGESTED THAT THOSE REVOLUTIONARIES AND DISSIDENTS CONVICTED OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED; HOWEVER, AN AMNESTY SHOULD AFFECT THOSE CONVICTED OF SO-CALLED "THOUGHT CONTROL" OR IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSES. (THE CLASSIC EXAMPLE IN OUR OPION OF WHAT ECEVIT WAS REFERRING TO IN THIS LATTER CATEGORY INVOLVED THOSE CONVICTED OF TRANSLATING AND PUBLISHING STANDARD MARXIST LITERATURE ALREADY AVAILABLE IN MOST WESTERN LIBRARIES).

4. OUR INFO IS THAT THE ORIGINAL DRAFT AMNESTIES PREPARED BY THE TWO COALITION PARTNERS WERE ALIKE IN FAVORING A FIVE-YEAR ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION FOR THE TYPES OF CRIMES MOST OFTEN SPOTLIGHTED DURING THE POST-MARCH 1971 CRACKDOWN. MACOMBER

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